

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CHASE HIBBARD**, on February 3, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Chase Hibbard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Story, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Rick Dale (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Dan Harrington (D)
Rep. John L. Holden (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donna Grace, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:

HB 386, 1/29/1999

HB 418, 1/29/1999

HB 420, 1/29/1999

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 418

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bob Pavlovich, House District 37, opened the hearing.

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Proponents' Testimony:

John Mahan, Past National Vice Chairman, VFW.

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Larry Longfellow, VFW, Helena.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.1}

Hal Manson, American Legion, Helena.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.4}

Opponents' Testimony:

None.

Informational Testimony:

None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.9}

Closing Statement by Sponsor

Rep. Pavlovich closed the hearing.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.6}

HEARING ON HB 386

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Rick Jore, House District 73, opened the hearing.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.8}

Proponents' Testimony:

Joe Balyeat, Chairman, Montanans for Better Government.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.2}

EXHIBIT (tah27a01) and

EXHIBIT (tah27a02).

Written testimony submitted by Mike Fellows, Chairman, Montana Libertarian Party. **EXHIBIT** (tah27a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1}

Opponents' Testimony:

Ron deYong, Montana Farmers Union.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.4}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3}

Closing Statement by Sponsor

Rep. Jore closed.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.6}

HEARING ON HB 420

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Rick Dale, House District 40, opened the hearing.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.4}

Proponents' Testimony:

Russ Ritter, Montana Resources. **EXHIBIT** (tah27a04)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.5}

Stephen Walsh, Montana Resources.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.7}

Frank Crowley, ASARCO. **EXHIBIT**(tah27a05)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25}

Dennis Burr, Montana Taxpayers Association.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.0}

Opponents' Testimony:

Kate Stetzner, Superintendent of Schools, Butte.

EXHIBIT(tah27a06)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.6}

Jack Lynch, Financial Officer, Butte-Silverbow.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.9}

Aidan Myhre, Association of Hard Rock Mining Counties.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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through Tape : 3; Side: B}*

Closing Statement by Sponsor

Rep. Dale closed.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.7}

Chairman Hibbard appointed sub-committees to serve in each of the following areas: Business Equipment, Homeowner Relief, Income Tax, Motor Vehicle Tax and Consumption/Local Option.

EXHIBIT(tah27a07)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.7}

Judy Paynter, DOR, offered assistance to the sub-committees.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.1}

Adjourn.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.8}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:10 A.M.

REP. CHASE HIBBARD, Chairman

DONNA GRACE, Secretary

CH/DG

EXHIBIT (tah27aad)